

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge that prosecution of this application on the merits has been closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, since all claims are allowable, except for formal matters. Accordingly, for the reasons set forth hereinafter, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 8-18 are currently pending. Of these, Claims 8-14 have been allowed, and Claims 15-18 have been objected to that they depend from a cancelled claim (Claim 1). In response to the latter ground of objection, Applicants have amended Claims 15 through 18 to depend from independent Claim 8. In this regard, Applicants note that these claims differ from Claims 11-14 in that they depend directly from Claim 8, while each of Claims 11 through 14 depends from a preceding intervening claim.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

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please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit
Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #095309.56004US).

Respectfully submitted,

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